Evidence for the Authorship of Daniel

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Here in this Booklet I will answer questions on the Book of Daniel showing that it was written by Daniel and in his time.

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Evidence for Daniel writting the Book of Daniel except for Daniel 4 which was written by King Nebuchadnezzar.

“Nebuchadnezzar the king, To all peoples, nations, and languages that dwell in all the earth: Peace be multiplied to you.”Dan 4:1 (NKJV)

Are the following :

1. Jesus believed Daniel wrote his book, if Daniel is not it author then Jesus would be a liar.““Therefore when you see the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place" (whoever reads, let him understand),”Mat 24:15 (NKJV) ““So when you see the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not" (let the reader understand), "then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.”Mar 13:14 (NKJV)
2. Josephus the Jewish Historian (30 - 100AD) also believe Daniel wrote Daniel : Antiquities of the Jews.11.8.5 (“ (337) And when the book of Daniel was showed him (Alexander the Great), wherein Daniel declared that one of the Greeks should destroy the empire of the Persians, he supposed that himself was the person intended;”)
3. The Septuagint a Greek translation of the Old Testament finished in 250 BC contain the Book of Daniel.
4. The Early Church Fathers believed Daniel to be the Author of the book that bears his name. Example Tertullian 155–230 AD Answer to the Jews Chapter 11 states (“ wish we have evidently explained - that is the reason withal why Daniel said vision and the prophets were sealed because Christ is the segnet of all the prophets fulfilling all they had in days by gone being announced concerning him”) Augustine (354 -430 AD) On the Trinity Book 2 Chapter 18 (“ for Daniel has told us this “ I beheld he says till the thrones were set, and the Ancients of Days did sit , whose garment was white as snow…”)
5. Daniel himself testifies that he wrote the book of Daniel notice the I and me in the following verses “Then it happened, when I, Daniel, had seen the vision and was seeking the meaning, that suddenly there stood before me one having the appearance of a man.” Dan 8:15 (NKJV) “And I, Daniel, fainted and was sick for days; afterward I arose and went about the king's business. I was astonished by the vision, but no one understood it.” Dan 8:27 (NKJV) “And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, "O Daniel, I have now come forth to give you skill to understand.” Dan 9:22 (NKJV)“In those days I, Daniel, was mourning three full weeks.”Dan 10:2 (NKJV)“And I, Daniel, alone saw the vision, for the men who were with me did not see the vision; but a great terror fell upon them, so that they fled to hide themselves.”Dan 10:7 (NKJV) “Then I, Daniel, looked; and there stood two others, one on this riverbank and the other on that riverbank.” Dan 12:5 (NKJV)

The Book of Daniel is attack by many liberals Catholic, Protestants and even Jewish as Daniel not being it's author. And even not existing at all. Take for example :

The Book of Revelation What does it really say ? By Rev. John Randall S.T.D Page 27 states (“ However it pretends to be a prophetic book from the 5th and 6th century B.C but there is no reference to the book of Daniel anywhere in Hebrew literature before 175 BC No reference to it in parallel literature, no biblical allusions, no knowledge of a Daniel before this period.”)

I guess this Rev has not read the book of Eziekel or the Bible . Ezekiel ministry was from 593 to 570 BC this means that Eziekel was alive in the time of Daniel. Eziekel testifies that Daniel was well known in his time.

“Even if these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, they would deliver only themselves by their righteousness," says the Lord God.” Ezek 14:14 (NKJV)

“even though Noah, Daniel, and Job were in it, as I live," says the Lord God, "they would deliver neither son nor daughter; they would deliver only themselves by their righteousness.""Ezek 14:20 (NKJV)

“(Behold, you are wiser than Daniel! There is no secret that can be hidden from you!” Ezek 28:3 (NKJV)

Liberals may argue that Daniel mentions Kingdoms which didn't exist in his time that is because liberals don't believe in the supernatural. They don't believe in Prophecy which is the future spoken in advance by God's spokesman a prophet. And the Bible is a prophetic book from Genesis to Revelation the Bible speaks about the future. The Bible even mentions names of people who was not alive when the prophecies where made. But came to be born hundreds of years later. To Answer this if you believe in God who knows the future because he ordains all things that come to pass, you should not have a problem with the book of Daniel written by Daniel.

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What do you think about the Book of Daniel that the author of Daniel used Persian and Greek words that would not have been known to residents of Babylon in the 6th century BCE and it was more likely to have been written in 2nd century BCE?

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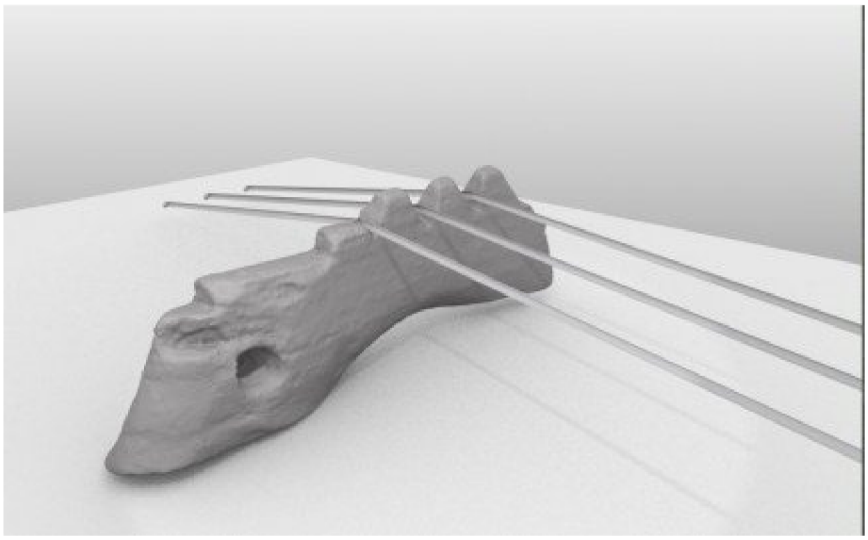
Just because a book may have words that came after it's time doesn't mean it dates those times. We don't have the original copy of Daniel but we have faithful copies of it. We don't have any original copies of any ancient sources. And words could of been inserted to describe a instrument that was similar to that. To give a example of a word in Aramaic like for lyre which is sabbeka (Trigon) a triangular musical instrument with four strings similar to lyre in Daniel 3:5 has made some people to believe it was outside it's time in the 2 century and not the 6 century but we also don't have records stating who invented these instruments so they could of very well been invented before the 6 Century. But there are archaeological evidence these instruments were used in that time and in that area of Babylon.

What is Oldest lyre found and where ?



The oldest stringed instruments in the archaeological record have been found in what is now Iraq aka Babylon, like the headed lyre . Where it was found in the Royal Cemetery of Ur which dates to around 2500 B.C

Near half a million cuneiform tablets shows us evidence that ancient Sumer, Babylonia, and Assyria, and among their neighbors in Anatolia, Iran, and Syria-Palestine were highly influence by musical instruments.

Look at this Headed Lyre showing an 8-stringed bovine lyre being played

Archeology shows that these instruments existed in Babylon back in Daniel's time . Greeks have been known to travel as far as Palestine in the 8th century.

The Babylonians loved instrumental music we could even read about their instruments in Isaiah which was written before Daniel.

Isaiah 14:11 Your pomp is brought down to Sheol, And the sound of your stringed instruments;…

The Bible also speaks of ships traveling far for trades even Solomon use to sent out ships to do trades.

1 Kings 10:11Also, the ships of Hiram, which brought gold from Ophir, brought great quantities of almug wood and precious stones from Ophir.

International trading is not something new it goes way back in history for thousands of years.

This is a link were I show why Daniel was written by Daniel.

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The fact that the book of Daniel is among the Old Testament Books of the Septuagint which dates 250 BC and was the Greek version of the Old Testament which shows it existed long before the liberals dating of 168-165 BC. And if it was considered as scripture then it must of be considered scripture before that time.

Now there are those who would argue with my dating of the completion of the Septuagint. But these books needed to be done in Alexandria, Egypt and finished during the reign of Ptolemy Philadelphus which ruled 284 to 246 BC who ordered the 5 books of Moses to be made so to have them in his library also wanted to have all the books in the world. Why not the remaining books of the Jews? Why stop only at the Law of Moses?

See the letter of Aristeas chapter 1 “ He desires to have all the books in the world in his library; in order to get the laws of Moses he offers to trade 100,000 captives for that work explaining” it is a small boon indeed.”

Though I understand the dating of the remaining books of the Septuagint people have dated by 132 BC but I date way before it. Around Ptolemy Philadelphus rule.

Josephus (30–100AD) when speaking about this event states in Antiquity of the Jews Book 12. Chapter 12 Sec 2 “ but he said he had been informed that there were many books of laws among the Jews Worthy of inquiring after and worthy of the king's library"

So these many books are they not a reference to the historical, poetic, prophetic books which will include the Book of Daniel.

Daniel is mention by the prophet Ezekiel who was living during Daniel time.

Ezekiel 14:14,20[14]Even if these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, they would deliver only themselves by their righteousness," says the Lord God.[20]even though Noah, Daniel, and Job were in it, as I live," says the Lord God, "they would deliver neither son nor daughter; they would deliver only themselves by their righteousness."

Ezekiel 28:3 [3](Behold, you are wiser than Daniel! There is no secret that can be hidden from you!

We also see the mention of Daniel using the words " I Daniel " which add validity to the book of Daniel.

Daniel 7:15 "I, Daniel, was grieved in my spirit within my body, and the visions of my head troubled me.

We also see him mention " As for me , Daniel"

Daniel 7:28 "This is the end of the account. As for me, Daniel, my thoughts greatly troubled me, and my countenance changed; but I kept the matter in my heart."

Jesus also gives testimony of Daniel being a prophet. So if one considers Jesus authority one should consider the Book of Daniel belonging in our Bibles

Matthew 24:15 "Therefore when you see the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place" (whoever reads, let him understand),

And we see the Book of Revelation quoting The Book of Daniel directly and indirectly for example the four beasts are mentioned.

Daniel 7:3-7

[3]And four great beasts came up from the sea, each different from the other.[4]The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings. I watched till its wings were plucked off; and it was lifted up from the earth and made to stand on two feet like a man, and a man's heart was given to it.[5]"And suddenly another beast, a second, like a bear. It was raised up on one side, and had three ribs in its mouth between its teeth. And they said thus to it: 'Arise, devour much flesh!'[6]"After this I looked, and there was another, like a leopard, which had on its back four wings of a bird. The beast also had four heads, and dominion was given to it.[7]"After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, exceedingly strong. It had huge iron teeth; it was devouring, breaking in pieces, and trampling the residue with its feet. It was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns.

Compare to

Revelation 13:1-3 [1]Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name. [2]Now the beast which I saw was like a leopard, his feet were like the feet of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. The dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority.[3]And I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed. And all the world marveled and followed the beast.

So the Book of Daniel was written during Daniel's time.

How old was Daniel when he was taken to Babylon?

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He was very young

The Bibles doesn't give us a age only mention is that he was young

Dan 1 (NKJV)[4] **young men** in whom there was no blemish, but good-looking, gifted in all wisdom, possessing knowledge and quick to understand, who had ability to serve in the king's palace, and whom they might teach the language and literature of the Chaldeans.[5] And the king appointed for them a daily provision of the king's delicacies and of the wine which he drank, and three years of training for them, so that at the end of that time they might serve before the king.[6] Now from among those of the sons of Judah were Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah.

Josephus doesn't either tell us a age when speaking about Daniel and youths that was taken he uses the word children but age is not mentioned.

Antiquities.10.10.1 (186) But now Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, **took some of the most noble of the Jews that were children, and the kinsmen of Zedekiah their king,** such as were remarkable for their beauty of their bodies and comeliness of their countenances, and delivered them into the hands of tutors, and to the improvement to be made by them. He also made some of them to be eunuchs; (187)

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Where was Daniel when King Nebuchadnezzar ordered everyone to worship his golden image?

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The Bible or Josephus doesn't say but most likely since Nebuchadnezzar knew Daniel would not worship the image he probably sent him on a foreign mission . Because if Daniel would of been around he would of been thrown to the furnace aswell for not worshiping the image.

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According to Daniel 3:25, who's the person in the fire with Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego?

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It is believed by some scholars to be Jesus Christ before he came in the flesh.

That is why some bibles translates the Son of God instead of Son of the Gods

“"Look!" he answered, "I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire; and they are not hurt, and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God."” Dan 3:25 (NKJV)

Other believe it just to be a Angel and they translates it Son of the Gods

“He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the aspect of the fourth is like a son of the gods.”— Daniel 3:25 (ASV)

The word that is used for God's or God is

Original: **אלה**

Transliteration: **'ĕlâhh**

Phonetic: **el-aw'**

1. god, God god, heathen deity God

And since it is in the plural , he might of said gods

But in reference to this passage a other that comes to mind it reminds me of what God says in Isaiah and makes me think it was Jesus .

“When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; And through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, Nor shall the flame scorch you.” Isa 43:2 (NKJV)

As if God many years before knew they were to be thrown to the fire and said I will personally be present when this happens to my servants Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.

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What is the explanation for why the king or prince of Persia can detain a heavenly messenger sent by God as recorded in Daniel 10?

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Let's read the text :

“But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days; and behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left alone there with the kings of Persia. Dan 10:13 (NKJV)

21 days was how long Daniel was in fasting or mourning for his prayer to be answer

Dan 10 (NKJV)[2] In those days I, Daniel, was mourning three full weeks.[3] I ate no pleasant food, no meat or wine came into my mouth, nor did I anoint myself at all, till three whole weeks were fulfilled.

This word prince could also be translated principality in reference to a demon. שׂר

śar in the Hebrew patron-angel is one of it's many meaning.

Whether we want to acknowledge it or not we are in spiritaul warfare.

Eph 6 (NKJV)[11] Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.[12] For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

The Book of Daniel here shows us a behind the scene of what happens when our prayers are delaying in being answered.

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Why didn't the prophet Daniel return to Jerusalem with Nehemiah to rebuild the city and the wall?

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He might of been in a very old age.

Neh 10 (NKJV)[1] Now those who placed their seal on the document were: Nehemiah the governor, the son of Hacaliah, and Zedekiah,[2] Seraiah, Azariah, Jeremiah,[3] Pashhur, Amariah, pMalchijah,[4] Hattush, Shebaniah, Malluch,[5] Harim, Meremoth, Obadiah,[6] **Daniel**, Ginnethon, Baruch,[7] Meshullam, Abijah, Mijamin,[8] Maaziah, Bilgai, and Shemaiah. These were the priests….

I offend wonder if this is Daniel of the book of Daniel. Did he left to Jerusalem in the time of Nehemiah and Ezra for there was Jews of that time who cried when they saw temple built for it wasn't as splendorous.

"So this Daniel prospered in the reign of Darius and in the reign of Cyrus the Persian." Dan 6:28 (NKJV)

Dan 9 (NKJV)[1] In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of the lineage of the Medes, who was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans-–[2] in the first year of his reign I, Daniel, understood by the books the number of the years specified by the word of the Lord through Jeremiah the prophet, that He would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem.

Ezr 6 (NKJV)[14] So the elders of the Jews built, and they prospered through the prophesying of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the son of Iddo. **And they built and finished it, according to the commandment of the God of Israel, and according to the command of Cyrus, Darius, and Artaxerxes king of Persia.[15] Now the temple was finished on the third day of the month of Adar, which was in the sixth year of the reign of King Darius.**

Was Daniel one of those who wept when he saw the temple rebuilt?

"But many of the priests and Levites and heads of the fathers' houses, old men who had seen the first temple, wept with a loud voice when the foundation of this temple was laid before their eyes. Yet many shouted aloud for joy," Ezr 3:12 (NKJV)

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When the Biblical prophet Daniel saw the future, was he attempting to describe modern day vehicles or airplanes?

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In the Book of Daniel where one can guess where vehicles or airplane might be suggested is in the following verse :

Daniel 12:4 “But you, Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book until the time of the end; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase.”

But all it is telling us of the increase of traveling which we see in our days.

But I see airplanes alluded to not in the Book of Daniel but in the following verses in Isaiah and Matthew.

Isaiah 11:14 **But they shall fly down upon the shoulder of the Philistines toward the west;** Together they shall plunder the people of the East; They shall lay their hand on Edom and Moab; And the people of Ammon shall obey them.

Isaiah 60:8 “**Who are these who fly like a cloud, And like doves to their roosts**?

These verses are speaking about flying in Isaiah but when it comes to Matthew verse which we are to look at we see at Jesus second coming when he picks up his elect or what many calls the rapture would be those who he will take who would be already in the sky possibly in a airplane or space .

Matthew 24:31 And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

But when it comes to vehicles or battle tanks the Apostle John in my opinion gives a good description.

Revelation 9:16-19 Now the number of the army of the horsemen was two hundred million; I heard the number of them.And thus I **saw the horses in the vision: those who sat on them had breastplates of fiery red, hyacinth blue, and sulfur yellow; and the heads of the horses were like the heads of lions; and out of their mouths came fire, smoke, and brimstone**. **By these three plagues a third of mankind was killed—by the fire and the smoke and the brimstone which came out of their mouths. For their power is in their mouth and in their tails; for their tails are like serpents, having heads; and with them they do harm.**

John also might be speaking of a plane in Revelation when he states

Revelation 12:14 But the **woman was given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place**, where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent.

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